

National Browder Drive To Open

Petition Campaign for Thanksgiving Day to Start Tomorrow

PUSH DRIVE HERE OVER WEEK-END

Tomorrow is the opening day of the nation-wide Thanksgiving petition drive for the release of Earl Browder, the Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder announced here yesterday.

The all-out push to obtain signatures before Thanksgiving Day for presentation to President Roosevelt has enlisted the support of thousands of volunteer petition collectors throughout the nation. At factory gates, street corners, union halls, shops, offices, churches and homes signatures will be solicited to secure the release of the imprisoned anti-fascist leader, imprisoned on a passport technicality.

Hundreds of volunteers will pour into the city's streets here over the week-end, the committee revealed, and tens of thousands of signatures are expected in these two days alone. At the conclusion of the drive the petition will be presented to President Roosevelt. All petitions, the committee announced, must be returned by Nov. 28 to its offices at 1133 Broadway in this city.

CAN OPEN GATES

Securing thousands of signatures is "an absolute necessity if we are to gain the immediate release of Earl Browder," the committee stressed.

"The Free Browder campaign has now reached the point where the petitions can be the key to open the gates of Atlanta penitentiary," declared the committee statement. "Let us be frank on this matter. Earl Browder's freedom depends on the work of every progressive man and woman, every progressive organization. We are confident that Browder's friends and all friends of justice will do their part."

Many thousands of signatures have already been collected on petitions, including scores of prominent persons in all walks of life throughout the nation.

Sponsors of the petition consist of Josephine Truslow Adams, Tom Mooney, Dr. W. E. DuBois, Col. Charles Erskine Scott Wood, Harvey O'Connor, Richard Wright, James Waterman Wise, Arturo Giovannitti, Art Young, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Rep. Vito Marcantonio, Sara Bard Field, Rev. F. Hastings Smyth and hundreds of others.

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Nazis Mass for New Offensive; Red Army Holds Moscow Gains



Aid to Britain: British Children and other victims of Hitler bombs in England will be the beneficiaries of the \$50,000 check presented to the British War Relief yesterday by the CIO Furriers Joint Council at a Hotel Pennsylvania luncheon. The check is the second such contribution to the Allies by the Union, a \$50,000 donation for the Russian War Relief already having been presented. Left to right: Joseph Winnogradsky, general manager of the Joint Council; Julius Green, president of the Fur Association, and Robert Appleby, representative of British War Relief. (Story on Page 4)

CACCHIONE PLEDGES:

Will Fulfil Voters' Defense Mandate

By S. W. Gerson

Brooklyn's voters gave him a mandate to go into the City Council and help pass legislation to strengthen the national defense against Hitlerism and that's exactly what he intends to do, Communist Councilman-elect Peter V. Cacchione asserted yesterday.

He regards his victory as a mandate from a large body of citizens, Communists and non-Communists, to help make New York "an all-out defense city," Cacchione said, and he already has plans in that connection.

Cacchione predicted that efforts to bar him from his Councilmanic seat would fail. Such moves have been announced as emanating from individual Democrats. There appears to be no agreement among them on the issue.

The first Communist Councilman to be elected in New York City—and as far as the records show, in all the country—Cacchione saw reporters yesterday and answered their questions in a forthright, candid manner at the offices of the State committee of the Communist Party, 35 E. 12th St. He apologized shyly to the newsmen for not inviting them to his Brooklyn offices, saying that they were "fixed up yet."

"But next time you see me," he warned them with a grin, "you'll have to come out to Brooklyn."

Dressed in his usual sober, dark clothes, Cacchione spoke mildly, his

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ALAN MAX

The C. I. O. Convention

The Daily Worker and Sunday Worker will offer its readers complete coverage on the national convention of the CIO which opens in Detroit Monday. The convention will be covered every day in exclusive wired stories by

ALAN MAX

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Zero Weather Seen Forcing Hitler to New Drive

VILLAGES RETAKEN

Soviets Inflict Terrific Casualties on Foe in Large-Scale Battles

LONDON, Nov. 13 (UP)—Soviet planes bombed military objectives in Koenigsberg, East Prussia, and Riga, former capital of Latvia, yesterday, causing fires and explosions, according to the Russian Agency Tass.

The agency also said that several Axis planes penetrated the Moscow area yesterday and last night and indiscriminately bombed non-military objectives, causing casualties.

KUIBYSHEV, Nov. 13 (UP).—Swarms of German tanks and infantrymen are rolling across frozen mud into positions for another big assault on Moscow and their scouting parties already are stabbing at the areas won by the Red Army in the past week of counter-attacks, war dispatches said today.

(The Moscow radio was heard in London broadcasting that furious fighting raged in Crimea where, "despite heavy losses, the enemy launches new attacks daily." The Germans tried to outflank Kerch, on the Eastern tip of the Peninsula, but were beaten back in a battle in which the air force of the Black Sea Fleet joined, the radio said. It reported that the Germans also opened a drive in the Lakes Imen sector below Leningrad, but claimed that German infantry, advancing from three directions, encountered a murderous Soviet fire and fell back with heavy losses.)

Soviet "Sturmoviki"—armored planes for fighting ground forces and armored trains were reported smashing numerous German tanks. In temperature only five degrees above zero, and due to fall to 40 below in a few weeks, the Germans were believed ready for a desperate attempt, regardless of the cost, to seize the Soviet capital and avoid spending a winter in the open plains.

As the heavy reinforcements moved up they found the Red Army counter-attacking fiercely and still gaining ground south, southwest, west and northwest of Moscow. Some of the German reinforcements had been thrown into action immediately, especially in the Tula sector 110 miles south of Moscow, to

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Polish Soldiers in U.S.S.R. Hug Rifles Soon to Be Used on Nazis

By War Correspondent Ilyenkov
(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

KUIBYSHEV, Nov. 13 (UP)—It was a cloudy autumn morning. Numerous grey tents of the army camp loomed ahead. Blue smoke was coming from the tents carried by the wind towards the steppe hoary from the early autumn frosts. On the porch of the club the commanders of the regiments and the division staff of officers stood with eyes riveted on the road where General Anders, Commander of the

Polish Army was soon to appear.

It was a Catholic holiday and prayers were offered up in the church. General Anders arrived. He is not yet 50 years old but he already has rich experience in three wars. He fought in the Russian army against the Germans and received several high awards for valor.

At the age of 25 he was already a lieutenant colonel in the Russian service. He

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Litvinov Plane 24 Hours Late; Concern Grows

Steinhardt Also Aboard; Was Due at Tehran Two Days Ago

LONDON, Nov. 13 (UP)—Mounting concern for the safety of Laurence A. Steinhardt, Maxim Litvinov and Sir Walter Monckton was acknowledged in official quarters tonight after they had been missing more than 24 hours on a flight from Kulyshhev, USSR, to Tehran, Iran.

Steinhardt, United States Ambassador to the Soviet Union; Litvinov, newly appointed Soviet Ambassador to Washington; and Monckton of the British Ministry of Information, were expected at Tehran about two days ago.

Concern for the missing plane was minimized in the first hours after it failed to arrive at the Iranian capital, since weather conditions were reported bad on the route from Kulyshhev and an unscheduled landing at some remote spot was regarded as probable.

There was a report, entirely unconfirmed, that the plane was forced down and that the occupants were safe.

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British M. P.'s Urge Opening of New Front

LONDON, Nov. 13 (UP)—Laborite demands were again made today in the House of Commons for the opening of a "second front."

Unofficial political commentators, meanwhile, watched with concern congressional action on the Neutrality Act, with some saying that

Prime Minister Winston Churchill's optimistic report on the Battle of the Atlantic yesterday may have misled some representatives as to the necessity for American shipping aid.

Laborites seized advantage of Commons debate on the King's speech which opened the new session yesterday to urge increased aid for the Soviet Union and removal of members of the government hostile to the Soviet Union.

Emanuel Shinwell cited Churchill's claim that Britain had achieved air parity with Germany and contended that Anglo-Soviet air strength must surpass that of Germany.

"If that is so, our failure to take the initiative is indefensible," he said.

STRESS U.S. AID
Both Shinwell and Austin Hopkinson, Independent, referred to the United States' role in the war effort.

Shinwell said that American aid may yet come, but it limps painfully, crippled by internal dissension.

"Unaided, without strong allies, victory is not within our grasp," he said. "To achieve victory, we must some day come to grips with the enemy on his own soil."

Shinwell called for a "firm declaration" from the government of its intention to collaborate with the

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Japanese Diet To Meet Today On War Crisis

TOKIO, Friday, Nov. 14 (UP)—

Parliament will be convened tomorrow for an extraordinary five days session during which Premier Gen. Hideki Tojo, Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo and other members of the government will give "extremely frank" statements regarding the government's program and particularly Japanese-American relations which admittedly have reached a grave crisis.

Despite the fact the session will open shortly before the Washington arrival of Saburo Kurusu, special Nipponese envoy now flying to the United States in an effort to avert a Japanese-American conflict in the Pacific, newspapers said the ministers of the new government will not attempt to soft-pedal the seriousness of the international outlook.

The Premier and his colleagues are agreed, it was said, that the crisis confronting the nation is so grave that the people must be frankly and fully informed as to the outlook so that they will be "prepared for the worst."

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REVISION PASSED

Thus there were struck from the statute books the three most important and restrictive provisions of the Neutrality Act—Sections two, three and six.

The House previously voted 259 to

138 to repeal Section six permitting the arming of merchant ships, and this afternoon the House sustained Senate action in repealing Sections two and three which kept American ships out of belligerent ports and combat zones.

Strong administration pressure combined with the last-minute pleas by President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull apparently succeeded in swaying a number of wavering and undecided Congressmen.

But a promise from Speaker Rayburn in the closing minutes of debate to support anti-strike legislation seemed to fall short of its objective of winning the votes of die-hard Southern Congressmen who precipitated the entire crisis.

SOUTHERN ANTI-LABOR BOLT

Approximately 15 Southern Democrats bolted the administration despite the fact that Rep. Howard Smith of Virginia and other leaders of this group had stated they would vote for the bill if they were given an assurance of anti-labor legislation.

Prominent Southern Democrats

who voted against the measure included Reps. Smith, Robert L. Doughton of North Carolina, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Hatton Sumners of Texas, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and William M. Colmer of Mississippi.

In the letter read by Speaker Rayburn, the President expressed

hope that the conference on the Captive Mine situation between union leaders and steel industry representatives would be "successful."

"But if it is not successful," the

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Strikes and National Safety

An Editorial

SERIOUS problems now of a most responsible nature confront the labor movement. For it is obvious that with the spreading strike movement, caused by a breakdown of governmental agencies to adjust legitimate workers' grievances properly, there is taking place a rallying of labor-hating reactionaries and "business as usual" groups who are seizing upon the labor situation as an opportunity to derail the whole anti-Hitler foreign policy of the Government.

Their latest effort is to use the captive mine situation as an alibi for sabotaging the revision and repeal of the crippling Neutrality Act.

With the coolest contempt for the national safety, they have arisen in the halls of Congress with the threat—enslave labor or we will refuse to support the country's defense.

Under these circumstances, it seems to us that the best interest of American labor could best be defended if the AFL, CIO, and Railroad Brotherhoods got together to work out their common program for meeting all the problems of the war emergency.

For it is a certainty that the worst enemies of labor are hoping to maneuver the trade unions into such a situation where they can strike a heavy blow at it in the name of the very real emergency. The added danger is that these elements, not only the profits-as-usual employers, are

uniting its strength, to make possible the reforming of adequate government boards that will respond to just grievances. Labor can defeat this latest serious maneuver of the pro-fascists to knife the trade unions and the country at the same time.

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Chinese Students, Doctors Greet Soviet Struggle for 'All Nations'

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

CHUNGKING, Nov. 13.—Students in Suichow University, the school's entire law faculty, and a group of medical workers of Northwestern China this week sent messages of support and sympathy to the students and the physicians of the Soviet Union.

The students and faculty members of the University said that "from the very beginning of the Nazi invasion of your country we Chinese students unanimously expressed warm sympathy and admiration for the growing and supreme courage of your people and your army."

The medical workers in their message as reported in the news-

paper Hsin Hua Jih Pao declared that "we are confident that the tenacious resistance of the heroic Red Army to the fascist bandits is the guarantee of ultimate victory for the Soviet Union."

FIGHTING FOR ALL NATIONS

"The fascist barbarians," they said in their greeting, "have hurled all their forces against the peace-loving Soviet people. The German fascists are committing crimes that have no equal throughout the world."

"Under the guidance of the leader of the peoples, Stalin, your country has raised the banner of justice, the banner of resistance to aggression and defense of your soil against the fascist bandits."

"The Soviet people," the medical workers concluded their message, "are fighting for the liberation of small nations from the fascist yoke."

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Nazis Lose 350,000 in 3-Month Attempts to Storm Leningrad

Pravda Describes How Offensive Plans Failed

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

KUIBSHEV, U.S.S.R., Nov. 13.—The failure of their three-month effort to capture Leningrad and liquidate the Baltic Front at a cost of more than 350,000 casualties has forced the German armies before the second Soviet city to go completely on the defensive, a dispatch from that city by Pravda's war correspondent Malyutin reveals.

The collapse of the Nazi plans for storming Leningrad has forced the German High Command to open the battle for Moscow with huge forces pinned down on the Baltic Front, units already severely weakened by bloody losses. The thinned ranks of the fascist armies have of late found it increasingly difficult to withstand Red Army counter-attacks in this area despite their superiority in equipment. Malyutin declared.

"In September," the article said, "the fascist command again gave their generals the task of capturing Leningrad at any cost, completing military operation in the Baltic and thus freeing considerable forces of the German army pinned down near Leningrad.

"The date of the completion of these operations was directly dependent upon the capture of Leningrad.

OFFENSIVES FAIL

Enemy infantry divisions, supported by tanks, bombers and fighters, were hurled into the attack, now on the whole front, now on separate sectors. And invariably the results of these operations were the same: the advance of the fascist hordes was extremely slow, their successes insignificant, their losses tremendous.

"In September, some 10,000 German soldiers and officers were annihilated on one sector of the front alone which was held by the units under Major General Bondarev.

The chief result of the September battle near Leningrad was: the Red Army fulfilled with honor its task of keeping the German fascist scoundrels from the city. The fascist army failed to carry out the task set by the Hitler command—to capture Leningrad. The German fascist invaders were compelled to begin the October offensive near Moscow and in the South without realizing their plan of capturing Leningrad. This is undoubtedly tying their hands to a considerable extent.

NAZIS FORCED TO DIG IN

"Having changed to the defensive, the enemy began hastily to dig in, attempting to convert the captured line from the Gulf of Finland to the left bank of the upper reaches of the Neva river into a strongly fortified position.

"But the Hitlerites are not succeeding in fortifying the captured base. From the first days of October the Soviet troops have taken over the initiative and by uninterrupted, stubborn battles they are wearing out and undermining the German units. This has forced the fascist generals not only to leave considerable forces near Leningrad, but hastily to bring up reinforcements by plane.

Particularly stubborn offensive battles were waged by the Soviet units on the northeastern sector of the front.

"In the battles of Oct. 21 and 22 Soviet tanks pierced strongly fortified enemy positions and helped the industry capture new lines. In their attempt to recapture the abandoned positions the Germans offered strong resistance to the Soviet advance. In the course of one day, on one sector of the front alone they launched eight counter-attacks, all of which were repelled.

The battles in the district of points D and A were distinguished by their very stubborn character. The Soviet units, after overcoming a water barrier, waged battle for the strategically important base on the left bank of the river. In spite of the complicated situation the Red Armymen are firmly holding their position here.

"October saw intensive fighting also on other sectors of the front as a result of which in a number of places Soviet units succeeded in dislodging the fascists and capturing improved positions.

"On the Karelton Isthmus in the beginning of October, the Finns tried at times to penetrate into the disposition of the Soviet units in small



RAF in Soviet Union: Hurricane fighters of the Royal Air Force, operating in the Soviet Union as allies of the Red Air Fleet, shown lined up on a Russian flying field.

groups. For this they paid dearly. Soviet aircraft inflicted a number of crushing blows on important Finnish objectives.

BALTIC FLEET ACTIVE

"An important role in the defense of Leningrad belongs to the Baltic Fleet. Standing on guard on the maritime boundary far out in the Gulf of Finland are the advanced outposts—the Hangos peninsula and the Islands of Hoglund, Lavansaari and Sejskari. Day and night Soviet airmen vigilantly patrol the skies over the Leningrad Front.

"According to far from complete data, the October list of enemy losses on the Leningrad front includes 72 enemy artillery batteries, silenced or destroyed, among them several long-range and anti-aircraft batteries; more than 50 tanks, more than 30 mine-throwers; 70 heavy machine guns, captured and destroyed; 93 fortifications wrecked and several munition and fuel dumps blown up. The fascists lost several tens of thousands of killed and wounded, while in a few months of their offensive on Leningrad the German fascist troops already lost 350,000 men.

"The working people of Leningrad are setting examples of supreme heroism. The approaches to Leningrad are surrounded with a solid ring of impregnable fortifications. The plants are working with utmost energy day and night. The people are performing miracles of labor. Armaments and munitions are going to the front in a steady stream. Firm revolutionary order prevails in the city. The damage caused by the enemy air raids is being repaired quickly and in an organized fashion. The city, bearing the name of the great Lenin shall never be given up to the German fascist scoundrels for abuse and plunder."

Oumansky Is Appointed to Foreign Office

Former U. S. Ambassador on Governing Board of Commissariat

KUIBSHEV, USSR, Nov. 13 (UPI)—Constantine Oumansky, former Soviet Ambassador to the United States who now is Director General of the official news agency Tass, today was appointed to the Collegium of the Foreign Commissariat's governing board.

The governing board to which Oumansky was named is a part of the Soviet Foreign Office.

The board acts in an advisory capacity on questions of foreign policy and is under the general direction of Foreign Commissar Vlachislav Molotov.

Oumansky's long period of service in the United States was regarded as making him particularly well qualified to serve in an advisory capacity at a time when American supplies are of utmost importance to the Red Army.

The Associated Press gave corroborative evidence: "Underground garages from which Russian tanks and armored cars can speed to the attack," the A. P. correspondent cabled on Tuesday, "form a part of the intricate fortification system protecting Moscow." There are "innumerable tanks" in these garages, the Germans say.

By Oakley Johnson

The news from the Eastern Front as reported in Berlin the last couple of days makes an American reader ask questions. One suspects the German readers are asking questions too.

"Berlin's admission," said Louis F. Kleemeier of the United Press War Desk Wednesday, "that 'the last 100 kilometers' are the hardest makes it apparent that the Germans are preparing their people for the possible news that Moscow cannot be taken this winter. Then the commentator added: 'Three weeks ago the High Command asserted that its forces had broken to within 80 kilometers of Moscow. Now it is pasts of the last 100."

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This information, which the AP said was contained in German dispatches from the front, suggests, does it not, that Moscow is very, very hard to capture? That's exactly the impression Hitler's propaganda office wishes the German people to have. Then they'll understand, you see, if the Nazi war plan to get Moscow happens to go a-glimmering.

It is a definite fact, reported by both Soviet and foreign military observers and correspondents, and confirmed by Premier Joseph Stalin, that the Red Army has a serious shortage of tanks, placing the Soviet defenders at a disadvantage. The Nazis have looted the tank reserves of most of the nations of Europe, built up in 23 years since the first World War, and have the products of French, Czechoslovakian, Belgian and Dutch factories as well as German and Italian, working on a 24-hour basis.

Why, then, does the Hitler propaganda office spread this tale of "innumerable tanks" in underground garages? Because the courageous Red Army, though inadequately supplied with tanks and other weapons, nevertheless is holding

Hurricanes Now Being Assembled In U.S.S.R.

LONDON, Nov. 13 (UP)—Hundreds of Hurricane fighting planes are being assembled for service on various parts of the Soviet front and the personnel of a Royal Air Force wing is instructing Soviet pilots in the use of the planes, the Air Ministry announced today.

"Though the airdromes will be snow-covered all winter, the Hurricanes do not need to be fitted with skis as it already has been shown that they can be landed on regularly-rolled airdromes," the announcement said.

Nazi Chiefs Alarmed at Stalin's Call for New Front

Turn Back-Flips Trying to 'Answer' His Declarations

GENEVA, Nov. 13.—Hitler Germany never planned a "blitzkrieg" on the Eastern Front at all, according to the astonishing statement of the official German radio heard here today.

The statement was made in broadcasts attacking the Nov. 6 speech of Joseph Stalin before the anniversary meeting of the Moscow Soviet, a speech which has made an overwhelming impression in Germany.

The contents of Stalin's speech were carefully concealed from the German people, but reports say it is the center of attention in diplomatic, political and journalistic circles.

SCARED OF SECOND FRONT

During the last few days, following Stalin's speech, German papers have carried more than the usual quota of statements about "the difficulties of the war in the East" and "snowfalls and heavy rains on the approaches to Moscow," an overwhelming impression in Germany.

The German press expresses extreme alarm at the possibility of a second front on the European continent as predicted by Stalin. Hitler's gang has mobilized the radio in this emergency and Nazi propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels' diatribes are trying, without citing extracts from Stalin's speech, to polarize against it.

Official Nazi broadcasts declared today that Germany did not, as alleged, plan to carry out a lightning campaign in the East, and that the "Fuehrer" pointed all the time to the difficulties that would be encountered by the German army there.

GOEBBELS ALARMED

Indications of alarm by leading Nazi circles can be seen even more pointedly in excerpts of an article prepared for the German press by Goebbels himself, which appeared in Dienst Aus Deutschland shortly after Stalin's speech was delivered.

Goebbels wrote: "For us there is no longer any other way out. We must choose between life or death."

The day after Stalin's speech a special press conference of foreign correspondents in Berlin was hurriedly called and a representative of the German foreign ministry, the notorious Dr. Paul Schmidt, commented on the speech, making statements which impressed the journalists present as the ravings of a mentally deranged person. His comments consisted simply of a prolonged tirade of senseless and hysterical name-calling.

From these various indications foreign correspondents have drawn the conclusion that the affairs of the German fascists are in a sorry plight.

Grateful for Aid, Kalinin Tells FDR

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

MOSCOW, Nov. 13.—The heartfelt gratitude of the Soviet people for the growing American aid and the cordial wishes contained in President Roosevelt's greeting on Nov. 7 were expressed in a reply to the President's message by Mihail Kalinin, President of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.

The Soviet people, Kalinin declared in his reply, wish to express their thanks to the American people and the government of the U. S. for the support being rendered the USSR in its struggle against the Hitler invasion.

Wednesday's Times carried a telephoned dispatch from Berlin signed by George Axelson, in which it was frankly stated that "the Germans have been fought to at least a temporary standstill on the Russo-German front proper." He went on to say, in language calculated not to give offense, that "the German Army machine has chosen to halt for the moment." But "official silence" and "refusal of the High Command to elucidate on the situation" was noted. Silence on the part of the High Command is, of course, DNB's opportunity.

Latest available German communiques claim further advances in Crimes toward Kerch and Sevastopol, in a campaign that menaces the Caucasus and the Soviet oil regions of Baku, and menaces, too, the British-owned oil properties in Iran and Iraq.

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SEEK TO QUIET PEOPLE

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On the War Fronts (AS OF NOVEMBER 12)

BY A VETERAN COMMANDER

One of the interesting features characteristic of the operations on the Central Eastern Front is the lack of a definite strategic objective on the part of the German High Command. The Germans for the past three or four weeks have been probing here and there and everywhere without being able to make up their minds in the least due to defective operative thought: it is simply due to the terrific resistance encountered by the Germans. What appeared to be "main thrusts for a breakthrough" have been made on all five salients without exception, and repeatedly at that, but nowhere have they been carried through to any decisive degree.

This constant shifting of blows is also indicative of the high degree of mobility and organization in both contending armies.

Also very interesting is to watch the deadening effect of winter roads to mechanical mobility and the consequent appearance of cavalry on both sides. Thus we see that at Volokolamsk an encircled German division is being "watched" by a Soviet cavalry outfit, while near Orel a German cavalry unit of 2,000 men has been wiped out. This means that cavalry is already being assigned tasks which are not only tactical, but actually border on the strategic. The tanks, being tied down to the winter roads, cavalry takes its place in the spaces between the roads, and this, because of the difference in tactical potentialities of cavalry and tanks would increase the "seven-layer cake" appearance of the front and enhance the possibilities for local encirclements, to the disadvantage of the tanks.

There is no specific news from the northern wing of the front (the Kandalaksha and Tikhvin directions).

Near Kalinin the Red Army is tightening its grip on an encircled German group and the situation looks well in hand.

The same can be said of the Volokolamsk sector.

At Mozhaisk the German concentrations are being pummeled in order to break up a potential thrust straight at Moscow.

The danger point at present seems to be the direction Tarusovo-Dmitrovsk, where the Germans have crossed the Oka eastward and are trying to push a wedge between the Serpukhov and Tula directions. This is the potential thrust at Ryazan about which we have been harping for a long time. It seems that the local Soviet success at Tula and the staunch Red Army stand at Serpukhov would tend to minimize the danger here.

There are no new developments in the Donbas and in front of Rostov, except that the Red Army counter-attacks are growing in intensity.

In the Crimea, Sebastopol is holding firm. But the situation at Kerch looks less satisfactory and it seems that the defenders have been somewhat forced back from their positions and have fallen back closer to Kerch. It must be clearly understood, however, that here the main defensive position is on the eastern shore of the Strait of Kerch, the Kerch defense being only of a delaying nature.

(CORRECTION: Yesterday, in writing about the German-Finnish push from Salin in the Arctic, we inadvertently said that they were moving on KEM. It should have been KANDALAKSHA.)

Nazi Unit Wiped Out By Latvian Guerrillas

Train Sabotage Kills 17 Hitler Officers; German Women Beaten in Protests

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

MOSCOW, Nov. 13.—In Latvia a guerrilla band routed and killed the members of a German military detachment sent to "punish" them, while in Germany itself women are demonstrating and demanding bread, reports here reveal, as made public by the Soviet Information Bureau.

On the Pļavinas-Livāni railroad line, Latvian guerrillas wrecked a train carrying supplies for the German army. Seventeen German officers were killed in the train wreck.

Successful operations are being carried out by the guerrilla detachment under the command of T. S. head of one of the Riga factory departments. On Oct. 23 the men of his detachment routed a German punitive detachment at the town of L, after luring it into a swamp. The guerrillas cut off all the exits from the swamp. For ten hours the Germans tried to break through to the town of L. A group of guerrillas attacked the enemy rear, and the Germans, caught in the cross-firing, were all killed.

The guerrillas captured 72 rifles, seven automatics and a large quantity of ammunition.

Leaflets are widely distributed throughout Latvia calling upon the Latvian population to destroy the German invaders.

Illegal papers, published in considerable quantity, enjoy great popularity among the Latvian population.

In Germany itself, spontaneous hunger demonstrations of the population took place towards the close of October. In Neunkirchen a large group of women, gathering in front of an empty food store, moved along the streets with cries of "We want bread. We've had enough of the war."

Ford CIO Local Elects Negro, Denounces KKK

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Nov. 13.—The country's largest local union—the Ford Local of the United Automobile Workers, CIO with a membership of 90,000—held elections for officers at Chadsey High School.

The election was by 300 General Council delegates from the buildings of the huge River Rouge and Lincoln Zephyr empire of the Ford Motor Co.

As chairman of the council the union elected James Couser, tool

and die worker. Shelton Tappa, well-known Negro leader and member of the National Negro Congress, was named secretary.

Others elected are James Butler, vice-chairman; Andy Dewar, sergeant-at-arms and James Alloy, guide.

The national council of the Ford locals in 40 cities which consists of 113 delegates, speaking for its 130,000 members, expressed a sharp condemnation of the Ku Klux Klan as an anti-Semitic, anti-Negro and anti-labor organization. Its paper, Ford Facts, published the following

resolution which the council adopted unanimously:

"Whereas, the KKK seeks to divide our union and nation into various groups, pitting Negroes against whites, Jews against Gentiles and religious groups against each other, so that the KKK could better destroy our organization.

"Therefore Be It Resolved; that this National Council of Ford locals of the UAW-CIO go on record as being utterly opposed to the policies and programs of the Ku Klux Klan and pledge in the Ford locals and all UAW-CIO locals."



Southern Bloc Is Also the One Fighting Price Control

Group Now Trying to Scuttle the Administration's Foreign Policy Sabotaging Key Domestic Bill

By Eva Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—The reactionary Southern group in Congress which is now beginning to obstruct the President's foreign policy is directly responsible for sabotaging one of the administration's most important domestic proposals—the need for effective price control.

Senator Cotton Ed Smith, who voted against neutrality revision, and the group of Congressmen dominated by pro-fascist Gene Talmadge, Governor of Georgia, are the men who pushed the mangled price control bill through the House Banking and Currency Committee.

The man who is credited with having thought up the scheme to allow agricultural prices to reach sky-high levels before they can be subject to price control is Georgia's Commissioner of Agriculture, Tom Linder. Linder is considered Talmadge's political stooge.

OPEN ANTI-SEMITIC

Linder is the very same witness who started the Banking and Currency Committee with a savage anti-Semitic attack during the course of his testimony on the bill.

In the midst of discussing parity prices, Linder suddenly launched into a sharp denunciation of Leon Henderson, head of the Office of Price Administration.

The only reason Henderson is price administrator, Linder declared, is that he enjoys the friendship of Baruch, Morgenthau, Straus, Ginsberg and the Guggenheim interests.

The names Linder chose to make his point were no more accidental than the anti-Negro, anti-progressive policies identified with Linder's boss, Gene Talmadge.

WOULD CHANGE PARITY

Linder appeared before the Banking and Currency Committee as the spokesman for a conference of state agricultural commissioners and Governors called by Senators Thomas of Oklahoma and Cotton Ed Smith to establish a "new conception of parity price."

Parity price is the relationship between what the farmer receives for his product and what he pays out for the things he buys. The Department of Agriculture believed that the farmers were in a good position during the period 1909 to 1914 and has adopted that as the official parity period.

And it has been working to get farm prices today to reach the same levels as during the pre-war period.

Linder and his associates, however, who represent the big cotton interests and wealthier farmers, have been pushing for the period from 1919 to 1929 as the parity period.

While it is true that farm prices were higher in that decade, they were so high that when the whole price structure declined on the advent of the depression, farm prices fell faster and harder than any others. And the result was the

wave of foreclosures and debts which swept the farm areas in the early '30's.

HIKES LIVING COSTS

The proposal to allow farm prices to reach the 1919-29 levels means that agricultural products can advance another 20 to 30 per cent above current levels with an estimated increase in the cost of living from 13 to 15 per cent.

Progressive circles are vitally interested in seeing to it that the working farmers of the nation, who are as ready as any group to do their share against Hitlerism, shall be protected from profiteering in the purchase of machinery and supplies; that they shall be protected from railroad gouging, and that their welfare shall be a vital concern of the government. But to achieve this, the sabotaging attitudes of such wealthy landlords on the week-end of Nov. 1.

Knowing that these two representatives would be opposed to their scheme, the Southern bloc held the committee meeting on Saturday and rushed the bill through.

Rep. Koppleman has accused the committee of "deliberately" waiting until he was out of town to end the measure.

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Cacchione to Speak at Philadelphia 'Defend America' Meeting Tonight

Minor On Cacchione Election:

'I Wish I Could See Browder When He Hears This News'

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—Robert Minor, acting general secretary of the Communist Party, today issued the following statement on the election of Peter V. Cacchione, Brooklyn Communist, to the New York City Council:

"Please congratulate for me the whole people of New York and especially the workers of Pete Cacchione's Brooklyn on their magnificent victory."

"Pete Cacchione will represent every interest of his people. His election indicates not only that the people of the greatest city in the world are determined to do their part in defeating Hitler, but also that they understand what the way to do it is through national unity of all classes and parties that are capable of patriotism and courage in this crisis."

"Under Pete's leadership the Communist Party has proven to the workers of Brooklyn that it is such a party and is indispensable to the people."

"I wish I could see Earl Browder when he hears this news."



CACCHIONE PLEDGES:

Will Fulfil Voters' Defense Mandate

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dark eye lighting up as he occasionally flashed a grin after some bantering exchange between him and the reporters.

Pete—even the reporters soon got hesitant about calling him "Mr. Cacchione"—reproached the present Tammany-dominated City Council for not placing itself squarely behind President Roosevelt's foreign policies.

"The Council hasn't yet gone on record in support of the President's foreign policies, of giving aid to the peoples of Great Britain, the Soviet Union and China and the other forces fighting Hitlerism," he said.

"Passing such a resolution would inspire the vast majority of citizens of New York and draw them closer together to help bring about that national unity so urgently needed in this crisis."

He declined to discuss legislation other than such a resolution, but indicated that he was giving thought to specific measures. Asked whether he would examine the measures taken by the London County Council in their war situation, he replied in the affirmative.

The announcement by reelected Councilman Hugh Quinn, Queens Democrat, apparently did not disturb Cacchione.

"The electorate placed me in the City Council," he said. "Their position will be upheld. I was elected by the people under a system which was upheld twice."

Cacchione had reference to the defeat administered by the voters to two Democratic-inspired attempts to get rid of proportional representation.

POINTS TO ENGLAND

Asked whether he did not believe in the overthrow of the government by force and violence, Cacchione replied by comparing England, where Communist William Gallacher sits in the House of Commons.

"English parliamentary democracy certainly can't be placed above ours," he said.

To the question whether he believed a Communist could conceivably take the oath of allegiance to the United States, Cacchione replied with some force:

"I don't take second place to anyone in this country in my Americanism. I'm a veteran of the last World War and if my country should need me again to defend her security, I would cheerfully go."

The Councilman-elect, who has been an object of virtual universal curiosity since his victory, had before him a pile of telegrams and letters of congratulations. There were wires even from candidates who had opposed him.

Cacchione was particularly gratified by one he received from Benjamin D. Baker, a Negro Democrat who was eliminated in the later stages of proportional representation count in Brooklyn. He promptly telegraphed his thanks to Baker and urged the latter to consult with him "at any time on our common problems."

PLEDGES COOPERATION

Cacchione made it clear that he was going into the Council prepared to work "with any group" that advances good legislation. While he said he would "be glad to work with the minority bloc" he emphasized that he would vote for Democratic bills if he deemed the latter in line with his campaign pledges. He took a similar attitude on Mayor LaGuardia's legislative program.

"Anybody's bill which was good all," he concluded.

To Broadcast Part of Rally; Communists Buy Defense Bonds

FOSTER TO SPEAK

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 13.—Peter V. Cacchione, Councilman-elect from Brooklyn, N. Y., will make his first public appearance following his election victory at the huge Convention Hall and Hitler rally here tomorrow, Friday night, it was announced here today.

At the same time it was announced by the Communist Party here that \$300 worth of U. S. Defense Savings Bonds were purchased for it here today.

The bonds were bought as a token of the Communist Party's support of America's drive to boost production to build the nation's defenses against the menace of Hitlerism, Party spokesmen here declared. The rally tomorrow night, for which more than 12,000 tickets have already been sold, will hear William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, and James W. Ford, noted Negro leader.

Purchase of the bonds took place at the Federal Building, Ninth and Chestnut Sts. The bonds, two of which were of \$100 denominations and two of \$50, were bought by Carl Reeve, legislative chairman; Joseph Dougher, city secretary, and Thomas Nabried, regional organizer, for the Communist Party.

Other speakers for tomorrow night's meeting include Mother Ella Reeve Bloor, Philip Frankland, Reeve and Frank Cesare.

A wide program of entertainment will also be offered at the anti-Hitler rally. Heading the list is the American People's Chorus. Noted artists on the program are Joshua White, famed Negro bandleader; Laura Duncan, Sam Gary and Al Moss.

At the same time the Ethiopian World's Federation in a statement issued here today lauded the powerful battle of the Soviet Union against the fascist invasion, pointing out that alone among the great powers the USSR stood by Ethiopia when it was invaded by fascist Italy.

The Ethiopian World's Federation and the Ethiopian people," the statement declared, "can never forget that it was the government and people of Soviet Russia that championed their cause in their darkest hours."

The statement, signed by the Duke of Harrar, was issued by Local 2 of the federation.

"Long live the Soviet Socialist Republics," declared the statement. "Long Live Stalin!"

"Ethiopia was the first to be attacked by fascist aggressors. We have the word of her emperor that she will not lay down her arms until every country which has been attacked by these aggressors shall be redeemed."

Raid German Town

LONDON, Nov. 13 (UPI).—The free Belgian news agency said today it had received reports that on the night of July 9 the British Royal Air Force raided Aix-la-Chapelle, Germany, 44 miles west southwest of Cologne, and destroyed one-third of the town.

He was emphatic on the question of racial discrimination.

"I will raise my voice against anti-Semitism, against Negro discrimination and certainly will express what is contained in my platform against discrimination in the defense industries," he said.

In reply to questions about his entrance into the Communist Party, he said that he had been a Republican in his home town of Sayre, Pa., but in 1928 had been president of the local Smith-Robinson Club, the local organization backing the Democratic ticket headed by Alfred E. Smith and the late Joseph E. Robinson.

He briefly alluded to the bitter years of the economic crisis, 1929-1933, how he had slept in flophouses, rode freight trains, been a collector for a Catholic organization—done everything to keep body and soul together, like thousands of other unemployed workers.

Cacchione reminisced in a dry vein.

"I came into New York by freight in 1931 and the city opened its arms to me by permitting me to sleep in the Municipal Lodging house at the foot of E. 25th St."

"Then you will discuss the relief situation with a certain degree of intimacy?" a reporter asked.

Pete laughed. "It won't be abstract," he flashed back.

He admitted frankly that his vote did not represent an index of Communist sentiment in Brooklyn and that he received thousands of votes from Democrats, Republicans and Laborites, from war veterans, union men, Italian Americans and virtually every other section of Brooklyn's population.

"And I'm going to represent them all," he concluded.

Nazis Mass for New Offensive, Red Army Holds Moscow Gains

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stop the Soviet counter-attacks which had been sustained for a week. At last reports the Red Army had gained another mile and a half of ground before Tula, had pressed the Germans back out of small gun range of the city and had so badly mauled the German columns that the Third and Fourth Tank Divisions were reformed into one mechanized regiment.

SITUATION ON FRONTS

The situation around Moscow was described as follows:

Tula—After battering unsuccessfully at Tula's southern defenses for 10 days the Germans swung around to the southeast and northwest. The Soviet forces counter-attacked and gained a mile and a half. Remnants of four German battalions tried to rally at Rogozhino, five miles from Tula, but continued losing ground until reinforcements arrived, then they held. In this retreat the Germans lost 500 men and 25 tanks, and were driven from several villages.

At another point near Tula, unspecified, the Germans forced the Red Army back. German cavalry made a flanking sweep in the Tula direction and Soviet troops engaged them in woods outside the city, where the battle still raged at last reports. Fifteen separate attacks in 72 hours were made by the Germans trying to regain the five-mile area the Red Army had recaptured earlier in the week. The 19th and 21st German Divisions were badly beaten. The 17th and 18th German Tank Divisions tried to sweep up the highway from Orel to Tula and

ran into a stone wall defense. A division of German motorized infantry followed. This force lost 123 tanks, 48 guns, eight airplanes, 15 tractors and 3,000 infantrymen. The "Street of Commandants," main thoroughfare of Tula, which had been under rifle and machine gun fire for several days, was relieved as the Germans fell back from their closest approach to the city, leaving more hundreds of dead and much equipment.

Serpukhov—The Red Army recaptured two villages near this town, 55 miles south of Moscow, and Soviet dive bombers sank several large loads of German troops trying to cross the Oka River.

Naro-Fominsk—Here, 40 miles southwest of Moscow, the nearest approach the Germans have made to the capital, a lull was said to have set in after a battle in which the Germans were thrown back across the Nara River. The Germans were reported preparing another assault there, however, and trench positions were only 40 to 50 yards apart at some points.

Malyaroslavets—The Germans were moving reinforcements up to this sector, 65 miles southwest of Moscow, and were scouting the area recently recaptured by the Red Army.

Moshaik—Soviet troops recaptured two villages, throwing back several small German scouting parties. Guerrillas operating far behind the German lines on the main highway to Minsk, which passes through Moshaik, were said to have caused heavy losses by planting mines ahead of a German motorized column.

Volokolamsk—A new German Elite Guard Division was moved into position here, 65 miles northwest of Moscow. Soviet troops still had a sizeable German force encircled and were reported mopping it up. Soviet cavalrymen were raiding communications and cutting down infantry detachments behind the German lines. Soviet infantry and artillery knocked out 45 German tanks. The Fifth German Infantry Regiment lost 700 men.

Kalinin—German and Soviet counter-attacks were colliding head-on in this bloody battleground 100 miles north-northwest of Moscow. The Germans were reported maintaining a hurricane of machine gun and trench mortar fire although the Red Army chased them back across the river in the northeast part of the city. The German right flank captured several villages and the Soviet troops recaptured some on the German left flank.

On the Southern Front, miners of the Donets Basin were said to have paralyzed a vast occupied area by setting mines afire, blowing up power plants and machinery and destroying bridges.

Kuibyshev, Nov. 11 (Delayed) (UPI).—Telephone reports from Leningrad today said German shells landing in the famous Fontanka Avenue had damaged the Fontanka bridge, church and theater.

Soviet defending forces were said to be encountering an increasing number of Poles, Czechs, Austrians and Romanians in fighting around

the city.

Domestic Union To Urge Aid of Negro Parley

Women Delegates Leave for Youth Meeting in Washington

Three Negro women delegates from the Domestic Workers Union, Local 149, AFL, are leaving for Washington today to attend the National Negro Youth Conference over the week-end. They have been instructed to ask the support of the conference for the union's program for domestic workers, Doris Jones, union secretary, stated yesterday.

The three delegates are Ethel Brown, who represents the whole of Local 149, Mary Harding from the Brooklyn Branch of the Local, and Mattie Williams, from a new organization group in Bath Beach, Brooklyn.

The four-point program which they will bring before the conference tomorrow is as follows:

1. The 60-hour week for domestic workers.

2. Application to domestic workers of the Minimum Wage Law, which at present excludes them.

3. Extension of the Workmen's Compensation and Social Security Acts to apply to domestic workers.

4. Higher wages for domestic workers.



Fraternity in the Arctic: British soldiers and sailors are glad of the opportunity to smoke American cigarettes handed out by a United States Marine as the men of both nations swap stories of their experiences during an interlude of the guarding of Iceland.

'People's Army' To Man Defenses Urged on Nation

Mrs. Morgenthau Calls on People to 'Sign Up for Defense' Now

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—The American people were called upon today to form a huge "people's army" of volunteers to serve as air raid wardens, first aid workers, and fire watchers to be ready "if a sudden testing-time should come." In a nationwide radio speech in connection with Civilian Defense Week, Mrs. Henry

so justifiably proud."

Mrs. Morgenthau asked all citizens to register at the Civilian Defense Volunteer Office in their community or the local defense council in the neighboring area.

She stated that protective services alone are not enough but that "there is a still greater need of voluntary workers in the fields of community service, not only to keep our community life intact until this storm is over, but also to weather the storm and be a real source of strength to us in the future."

Calling upon people who have registered not to be discouraged if actual work is not at hand immediately for them, Mrs. Morgenthau declared:

"The thing for all of us to do is to register our willingness now, to sign up without delay, to help our communities to get organized and to be ready for whatever call may come."

Furriers Give British \$50,000 for War Aid

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Soviet Union, if not in all matters regarding the conduct of the war, "at any rate in the disposition of forces for the creation of a second front."

Lord Croft's statement that Britain must concentrate on the defense of its east (middle-east) empire was definitely discouraging.

"I am confident that it would not lose their defense or morale, though it would weaken their position from the point of view of food and munitions.

"Failure to repeal these sections would, of course, cause rejoicing in the Axis nations. Failure would bolster aggressive steps and intentions in Germany, and in the other well-known aggressor nations under the leadership of Hitler.

"Judging by all experience, we could, all of us, look forward to enthusiastic applause in these three nations based on the claim that the United States is dissatisfied as they have so often prophesied. Our own position in the struggle against aggression would be definitely weakened not only in Europe and in Asia, but also among our sister republics in the Americas. Foreign relations, friends and enemies, would misinterpret our own mind and inexcusable.

"T. M. Sexton, Laborite, said it would be a fine gesture for Britain to send to the Soviet Union a "thin red line of men" in addition to equipment.

"It's nice to have a loan from your friends of a stick to beat off the attack, but it's more comforting to have his immediate comradeship by your side," he said.

Comment was also made on the American labor situation.

"It's all very well to point to the United States and say that she is there with her great productive capacity to add to ours," Hopkinson said. "People don't realize in this country what industry in the United States is going through in the present generation.

"The result may be leading up to a general strike, simply due to the inexperience of the trade union leaders."

PRITT HITS APPEASERS

Dennis Nowell Pritt, Socialist, criticized the continued presence in the government of elements which he said were extremely lukewarm regarding Britain's alliance with the Soviet Union.

"There are members of the government and some connected with the government whose whole previous outlook and ideology very seriously suggests that they could not in fact change their attitude of hostility to anything having to do with the U.S.S.R.," Pritt said.

"There is nothing more productive of unfortunate rumors than the fact that these Ministers remained in the government and were stoutly defended by the Prime Minister. . . . If some of these Ministers left the government there would be an immense heartening by a very large mass of people."

Several weeks ago, the furriers presented a \$50,000 cheque to Russian War Relief, Inc.

The money was raised on the basis of a day's wages from each worker in the industry, the manufacturers arranging to pay at time and one-half for the day, the time to be made up with an extra day's work.

Steel Workers Call for Showdown With Hitler

Majority in Carnegie-Illinois Chicago Plant Back All Action 'Over There'; Want Production Boom

By Carl Harris
(Special to the Daily Worker)

SOUTH CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 13.—War steel is being hammered out of the mills here by men who have stamped their hatred of Hitlerism on every billet.

In a poll of the workers at the big Carnegie-Illinois mill here today, the Daily Worker found that the overwhelming majority are in favor of an immediate showdown with Hitler, are opposed to any interruptions in defense production, are thoroughly aware of the important role they are playing on the war production front.

The South Works mill is producing at 107 per cent of capacity. A large hunk of this increased production can be ascribed to the zeal of the men who are turning out the steel which will go into the anti-Hitler tanks, guns, munitions.

HOW STEEL WORKERS FEEL

These are typical sentiments expressed by the men:

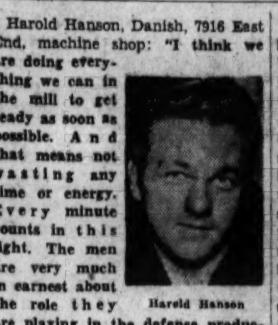
Pete Parker, 6221 Drexel Blvd., maintenance crew: "If Hitler is going to be beaten we've got to go over there and get him. If we don't, it's going to be that much harder for us later on. There are men of all nationalities in this mill and there's one thing we agree on and that's putting a stop to Hitler."

Emil Bakic, Jr., Croatian, 9334 Avenue L, machine shop: "By this time we all know that Hitler is bluffing when he says he doesn't intend to come over here. He'd love to take this country. But just let him try and take it. Sure Hitler has got to be defeated. The Russians have given him a party he never expected. But if he's going to be stopped from coming over here, we've got to pitch in too."

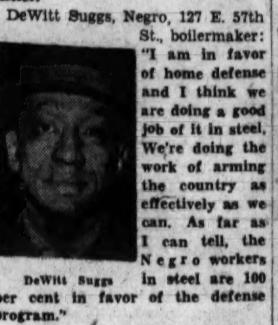
100% TO SMASH HITLER

H. Lewis, 8913 Muskegan Ave., Stores Department: "I think the men in the mill are putting out everything they have got to do their share toward defeating Hitler. The way they are co-operating in increasing production shows that the steel workers are 100 per cent behind this country. Hitler is a threat to the life and liberty of any decent human being, and that includes America as well. It's true that strikes have slowed things up a little, but I don't think the workers can be blamed for that."

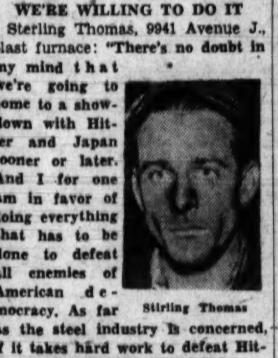
Joseph Szczepaniak, Polish, 8552 Burnham Ave., machine shop: "I've heard the men say when they're working in the mill. 'Maybe this piece of steel might be used to kill Hitler.' Well, we might all laugh and take it as a joke. But there's a lot of seriousness in it too. The majority of the men are against Hitler and there's no maybe about that."



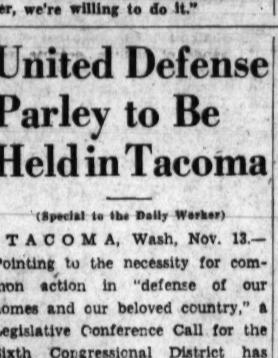
Harold Hanson, Danish, 7916 East End, machine shop: "I think we are doing everything we can in the mill to get ready as soon as possible. A man that means not wasting any time or energy. Every minute counts in this fight. The men are very much in earnest about the role they are playing in the defense production program. You can tell the way they work that they want to stop Hitler."



DeWitt Suggs, Negro, 127 E. 37th St., boilermaker: "I am in favor of home defense and I think we are doing a good job of it in steel. We're doing the work of arming the country as effectively as we can. As far as I can tell, the Negro workers in steel are 100 per cent in favor of the defense program."



Bill Bithos, Greek, 6911 Dorchester Ave., Pig Machine Department: "When America gets ready to take a crack at Mr. Hitler, it's going to be too bad for him. And I think we'll be ready pretty soon. The people all over Europe are getting ready to settle accounts with him too. As far as we are concerned, we're behind President Roosevelt and his defense program and we're ready to support him all the way in this fight to crack Hitler wide open."



Dan Newman, 5659 S. Wells St., blast furnace: "We're working three shifts here and production is really booming. We can't help feeling that we are doing an effective job in helping to save America. Naturally we don't want strikes if we can help it."

WE'RE WILLING TO DO IT

Sterling Thomas, 9941 Avenue J, blast furnace: "There's no doubt in my mind that we're going to a showdown with Hitler and Japan sooner or later. And I for one am in favor of doing everything that has to be done to defeat all enemies of American democracy. As far as the steel industry is concerned, if it takes hard work to defeat Hitler, we're willing to do it."

Dan Newman

United Defense Parley to Be Held in Tacoma

Act Against Hitler, Student Rally Urges

600 Michigan University Students Hear Faculty Member Hail USSR

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Nov. 13.—Americans must be made to realize that their democratic rights are in real "deadly peril," Dean James M. Landis of Harvard Law School, New England director for Civilian Defense, told a conference of Greater Boston CIO leaders, called to give additional labor impetus to the anti-Hitler fight.

Reminding the labor leaders of the new productive facilities and resources that the German war machine has gained in Russia, he declared that America must mobilize its industrial plants, on a war footing, as never before to give support to Britain and Russia.

He urged extension of democratic rights for the people and the involvement of everyone possible in some phase of defense effort to raise national morale.

The term "national defense" he criticized as not positive and aggressive enough, and he said it was clear that it was only a matter of time before the United States was completely in the war.

TRAINED PERSONNEL NEEDED

The problem of sufficient trained personnel arises with regard to the health program, just as it does with regard to other phases of the defense program. Just two weeks ago President Roosevelt set up a Procurement and Assignment Service for Physicians, Dentists and Veterinarians to stimulate voluntary enrollment of these professions in the defense program. The need for physicians under this program is manifold. It is estimated that various federal governmental agencies alone including the Army, Navy, public health and civil service, will need at least 2,000 to 3,000 additional physicians for the coming year. Any further expansion of the Army will require many more.

Many of the towns where the population has suddenly increased due to the expansion of defense industries are in desperate need of doctors. Adequate medical care is especially vital in these areas, because the health of the defense worker is an important factor in the battle of production. The federal government has already started on a program of voluntary enlistment of doctors for service in these defense areas.

As a result of this great need for physicians in the defense program, schedules of interne training of doctors in the nation's hospitals are being revised. Internships are being shortened wherever feasible. Interne organizations are helping to work out plans for the increased

government in overcoming production problems which hamper the national defense effort. Underlying motive of the Murray Plan is the organization of steel production on the basis of the country's needs and not on the grounds of individual plant profits.

The inner union organization which is expected to increase production is actually an attempt to prevent stoppages arising from due inspection lines. This is being done through giving increased responsibility to the union shop stewards, now almost as numerous as plant foremen. Each steward is checking on the men in his department and there is no longer any need for the due inspection lines which while extremely effective also curtailed production.

At the same time it is said that there is increasing evidence of cooperation between stewards and foremen on production problems.

Union action which is expected to increase production at the mill still more is along two lines: application of some of the principles of the Murray Steel Plan and inner union organization.

Concerned over the number of spoiled "heats" in the open hearth department, the union local won the agreement of the management to conduct a study by plant engineers of possible defects in the mill in an effort to find the causes of the spoiled heats. Each batch of steel produced in an open hearth is known as a "heat." After the technical survey has been completed, a union committee will go over the engineers' report with the management and seek ways of overcoming the faults.

Thus Local 1190 is carrying out one of the principles of the Murray Steel Plan which calls for collaboration of labor-industry and



New Weapons: Four Instructor-Marines are shown at Parris Island, S. C., West Point of the Marines, with eleven types of weapons used by the Marine Corps. (Left to right): Sergeant R. D. Chaney, M. W. Billing, T. E. Barrier and M. J. Holland. Weapons shown from left to right (back row): (1) light machine gun, (2) 81 mm. trench mortar, (3) automatic pistol, (4) 23 calibre rifle, (5) .30 calibre rifle, (6) Garand semi-automatic rifle; front row: (1) bayonet, (2) Browning automatic rifle, (3) mortar projectile, (4) rifle for firing grenades and (5) hand grenade.

America Goes Into Action On Civilian 'Health Front'

Defense Health and Welfare Day Today Prepares to Insure Fit Nation Against Hitler; Nationwide Plan in Motion

Today is Health and Welfare day in Civilian Defense Week. Only a fit nation can defend itself—that is the theme developed by the Office of Civilian Defense for this day. The implications of this theme are profound and far-reaching. Everything that contributes to the health of the American people aids the fight against fascism. Anything that impairs the health of America is just so much help to Hitler.

Work on this "health front" of American defense is already in progress. President Roosevelt has announced a program for the physical rehabilitation of rejected selective service registrants with remediable defects. Under this plan these men, estimated at about 200,000 at present, will be treated in their own communities by local physicians and dentists at the government's expense. The need for such a program is shown by the high percentage of men (over one-third) rejected for army service because of physical defects. Surgeon-General Parran has said, "This is a National disgrace." This rehabilitation program is the first step in wiping out this national disgrace.

The magnitude and necessity of this program of youth rehabilitation is also indicated by a health survey being conducted by the Brooklyn Work Center under the auspices of the NYA. One thousand one hundred sixty two youths have received complete physical examinations. Of this number only 65 or less than 6 per cent, were found fit for all types of work; 520, or almost 50 per cent, had easily correctable defects, and 202 were definitely limited in their physical abilities and employability by incorrective defects. As a result of this survey over 200 youth are now under medical care.

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All-Out Defense Production Urged By Textile Local

Detroit CIO Affiliate Asks Neutrality End, Lewis Quit Appeasement Role

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 13.—Calling for the opening of a second European front against Hitler, Local 373, Textile Workers Union of America, CIO, this week put itself unanimously on record for all out defense production for the defeat of Hitlerism.

A resolution adopted by Detroit's only textile local at the last membership meeting urged all-out aid to Great Britain and the Soviet Union and other countries fighting Hitlerism and called upon John L. Lewis to publicly disassociate himself from appeasement.

The resolution instructed Local 373's delegates to the national CIO Convention which takes place in Detroit next week to support:

1. President Roosevelt's program of all-out defense effort to destroy Hitlerism at home and abroad.

2. Full support to the Murray plan and the defense program of the UAW-CIO International Union.

3. For re-election of Philip Murray as President of the CIO.

4. For full utilization of manpower and machinery to out-produce Hitler.

5. For the immediate repeal of the Neutrality Act.

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The Railroad Problem Must Be Solved

Sunday, Dec. 7, is a date of deep concern for the nation. Owing to the unsatisfactory character of the Emergency Board's recommendations under the Railway Labor Act, that is the time fixed for a nation-wide strike on the railroads. Announcement of such a decision Wednesday by the officers of the five operating brotherhoods was followed yesterday by a stand by the representatives of the 14 non-operating unions against the Emergency Board's recommendations.

The possibility of a serious strike on these transportation systems, which are the nerve center of our economy, is inconceivable in the present national emergency. A walkout like that of the shopmen in 1922 or of the operating unions in 1920 would be disastrous today. It is obviously in the interest of the whole country—including the railroad workers—that such a strike be prevented, through the granting of justice to the men employed on the roads.

Such a cessation of rail operations would swiftly paralyze every vital industry of the country. Within a day or two the products of coal mines, steel mills and munitions factories would stop moving toward their destinations, at a time when all speed is essential for the success of the defense effort.

Labor must be on guard to prevent reaction from using this railroad strike situation (and other like situations) as a pretext to obstruct the national defense program and to rob the workers of their right to strike.

Who and what are responsible for this serious crisis, at a moment when the nation requires every ounce of cooperation in the battle for production?

The arbitrary stand of the railroads has been the basic factor leading up to the present crisis. These companies are now piling up tremendous profits. For the first nine months of 1941, the net income of the Class I roads alone has risen to \$358,582,763 in comparison to \$58,598,060 for the same period in the preceding year. The railroads are notoriously over-capitalized, their capitalization standing at more than \$24,000,000,000 when a just valuation based on duplication of their equipment would not come to more than half that amount. Upon this monstrous capitalization the railroad owners rake in, in addition to their bonanza profits, half a billion dollars yearly in "fixed charges."

Reaping these immense returns, the corporations have refused to make adequate concessions to the railroad men, despite the low pay on the roads and the obvious fact that the higher cost of living is pinching the pockets of all the workers. Certainly, under such circumstances, there is no cause here for the workers to make sacrifices.

The impossible delays provided for by the Railway Labor Act have also brought about this crisis. Through these procrastinations, the rail workers have lost in wages which they should have received, between \$200,000,000 and \$300,000,000 since April 1 alone. Such figures are based upon the increases won early in the year by the workers in steel, automobile and other like industries.

The Emergency Board—whose functioning is required by the Railway Labor Act, when the corporations and the unions cannot agree—has contributed further to the present situation by the inadequacy of its recommendations. The board has practically taken over the railroads' case and has adopted the railroads' arguments and viewpoint.

The board has proposed wage rises which are altogether too low; the rail men cannot accept them. The 30 per cent increase demanded by the unions is justified. When the long period of no-wage-increases and the low levels of railroad wages are considered, the awards of 9 per cent to the operating brotherhoods, and of 7½ per cent to the non-operating unions are an insult to the men.

Even the meager wage increases which have been recommended by the board are on a temporary basis. They do not affect the basic rate of pay but are obviously a poor sop thrown to the workers with the view that the increases will automatically expire in the near future. This would place the unions at a disadvantage in later collective bargaining, as the burden would be on them to defend these inadequate rates rather than to press for additional increases in pay.

Through the character of its report, therefore, the Emergency Board has provoked the present railroad strike crisis. The board's action discredits mediation as a means of settling the labor disputes which affect national defense. The employing interests have constantly pointed to the provisions of the Railway Labor Act as the solution of such problems. But today this example proves that other ways and means—free from the delays and inadequate rulings of

the railroad labor boards—will have to be devised, if labor is to feel that it can secure a solution of its difficulties without resort to the strike.

Under these circumstances, what ought now to be done? All the provisions of the Railroad Labor Act having been exhausted, the next move is obviously up to the President. With the entire defense effort endangered by the railroad strike, it is the obligation of the President to bring such pressure on the corporations as will compel them to grant just wage increases and improved conditions for the men.

The people have a duty to insist that the greediness of the railroad corporations shall not be permitted to stand in the way of national defense. The government must demand that these corporations assume a just attitude toward the working forces on the railroads and must take all necessary steps to insure continued operation under such just conditions.

To drive home successfully these duties to the government, the utmost unity of all labor is requisite. Concerning the rail organizations themselves, the two separate camps—operating and non-operating—should closely work together. The American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations should give the railroad workers full support. By uniting the political strength of all labor around the railroad workers, a victory can be won which will benefit the whole American labor movement and will be an inestimable aid to national morale and national defense.

Ingersoll's Biased Picture

After a stay of about four weeks in the Soviet Union, Ralph Ingersoll has been contributing a series of articles in PM, which indicate, to some degree, the heroism and sacrifice of the Soviet people in their determination to crush the common enemy.

However, Mr. Ingersoll is unable to present a true factual account of his observations because he saw the Soviet Union through the limited vision of his own prejudices. Mr. Ingersoll is not a Communist, nor does he agree with socialism. We don't expect him to. But many other people have visited the Soviet Union, among them people who were not Communists, and because they dropped their prejudices they were able to present an accurate, fair picture of various Soviet life.

Mr. Ingersoll's obvious bias occasionally leads him to absurd conclusions. From time to time PM has argued for the ridiculous falsehood that the American Communist Party takes orders from Moscow. Then its editor says in this series that the American Communist Party has fallen in the estimation of Soviet citizens. This form of presentation of the American Communist Party and its policies reveals that Mr. Ingersoll fails to understand the role and position of the Communist Party in the United States.

Not so long ago, Mr. Ingersoll himself contradicted one of his own premises against the Communists by declaring that the Communists were on the right side of practically every public question.

Just how much Mr. Ingersoll loses his sense of accuracy when dealing with Communists was seen by his reported interview with Claude Cockburn, of the staff of the London Daily Worker, when he was in England the latter part of 1940. Mr. Cockburn found it necessary to cable a denial of Mr. Ingersoll's distortions to this newspaper on Dec. 12, 1940 saying that Mr. Ingersoll must be "suffering from amnesia."

Mr. Ingersoll does not need to indulge in groundless charges against the Communists in order to prove that he is not a Communist, any more than the Communists have to deny that they are PM-ites because they agree with that paper's policy of all out aid to the Soviet Union and Britain. Mr. Ingersoll only makes it more difficult to rally support for PM's anti-fascist foreign policy by unjustified accusations against the Soviet Union.

Finally, Mr. Ingersoll's short trip in the Soviet Union helped him to see and learn things that he did not see before. But the brevity of his stay hardly qualified him as an expert on all the different phases of Soviet life he discussed. Let us hope that he'll make another trip to the Soviet Union—with more leisure and without his prejudices.

Worthy of the Applause

To the vigorous applause of union representatives, Sidney Hillman asserted on Sunday night that "business as usual" and the unrestrained use of the strike are both to be rejected for this period of national emergency.

The associate director of the OPM made it clear that he did not hold that the right to strike should be abolished or impaired, but that "it should be held in abeyance until every government facility of conciliation and mediation has been exhausted."

The tenor of these remarks is worthy of the approval which they received from the representatives of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations unions who were present on that occasion. When Hillman earnestly said that "you can't fight Hitler and at the same time fight defense," he was stating an obvious truth.

This implies on the part of business a complete ending of the "business as usual" attitude which has obstructed defense. It also places upon labor the grave responsibility of refusing to be provoked into indiscriminate strike action.

A DOG'S LIFE



THE LOOTING OF FRANCE

Desolation and hunger are stalking across France as the winter approaches. The reason is that the Nazis are systematically looting the country.

Every factory, every supply of raw material in sight, is being seized for the Hitler war machine. The production of consumers' goods is being strangled, and all food is being seized for Germany and Hitler's armies.

Stockholm reports that as a result of the Nazi plunder of France, the hospitals even have no fuel, while for entire days at a time the French working class families are deprived of gas.

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